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In re Application of :  
Johan H. Geerke et al. :  
Application No. 09/324,343 :  
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R3 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed October 7, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner in reply to the final Office action mailed March 13, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on June 14, 2001.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1617 for processing the Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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